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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Daniel A. FERRARA  
CUSHIONING ELEMENT  
Our Ref: A8655

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 09/793,590 (Confirmation No. 2019) filed February 27, 2001 of Daniel A. FERRARA entitled CUSHIONING ELEMENT.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>19</u>	-	20	=		x	\$9.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=		x	\$42.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$375.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u>\$375.00</u>

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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